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Forecast for Eastern Oregon, by the United States Weather Observer at Portland.

Tonight and Thursday, partly cloudy; probably rain.

TWO YEARS BEFORE UMATILLA BRIDGE GRAFT OCCURRED OLD COURT WAS WARNED ABOUT LAW VIOLATIONS

J. W. KIMBRELL GAVE WARNING THROUGH THE DISTRICT ATTY. YET GRAFT SCHEME CONTINUED

Damaging Facts Relating to Bridge Business Revealed by Former County Surveyor. Kimbrell Tried to Secure Lower Prices on Bridges and Ran Into a "Frame Up." Eberhardt's Methods Shown Up.

That the county court during the regime of T. P. Gilliland as county judge was officially warned that the court was violating the law by awarding important bridge contracts without advertising for bids is another development in the scandal connected with the purchase of bridges under the Gilliland term.

bridges is the Rhea Creek bridge and the other the Little McKay creek. The Rhea creek bridge cost \$795 and the Little McKay bridge \$679. How many other bridges were built in violation of the law has not yet been determined.

MORE SKULLDUGGERY. But the fact he caused the old county court to be warned regarding the violations of the law is not all J. W. Kimbrell has to say on the bridge graft subject. Here is another incident he recalls and it throws further light on the methods employed by A. E. Eberhart in monopolizing the bridge business of Umatilla county for four years.

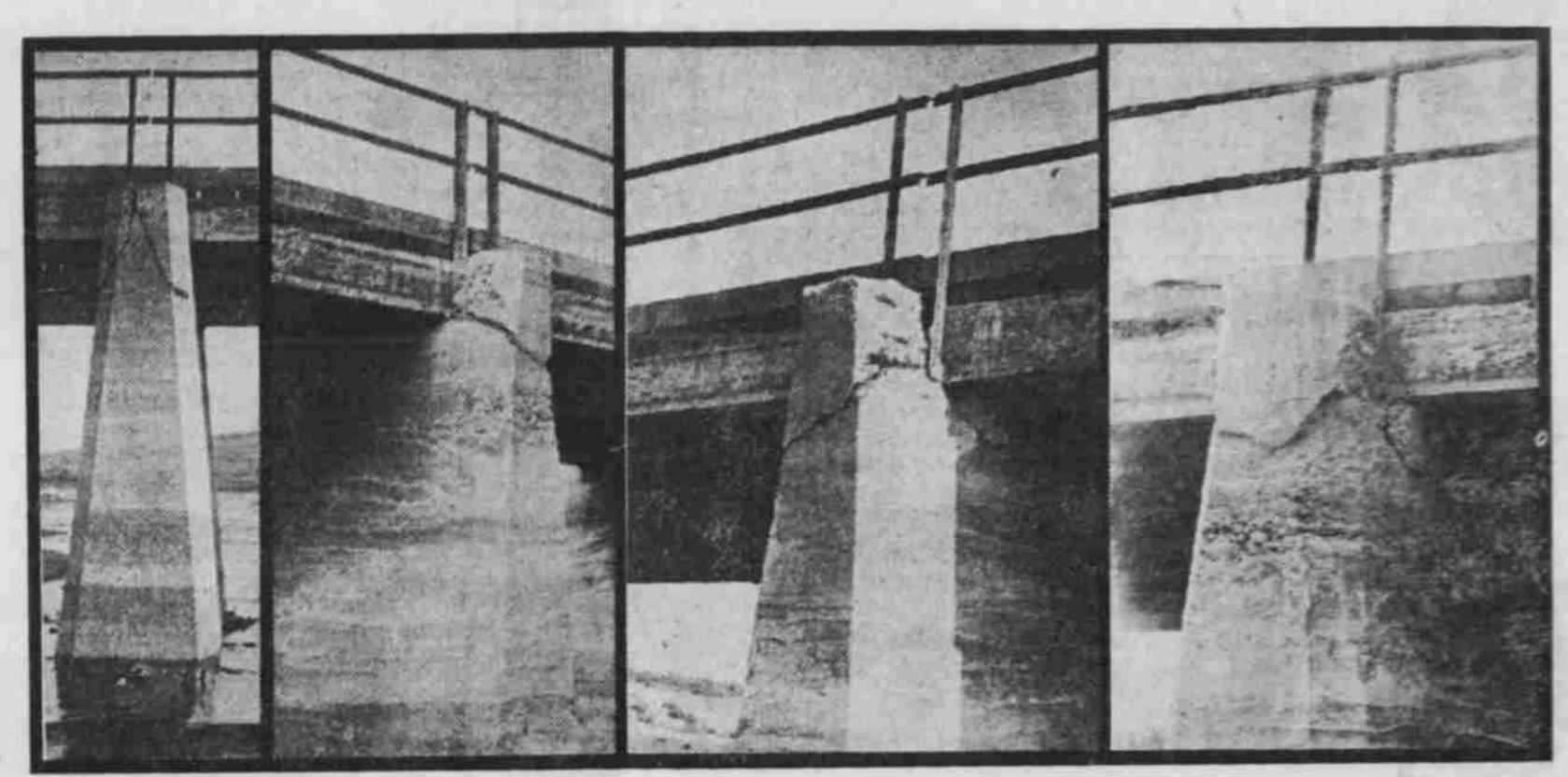
TRIED TO SAVE COUNTY. "In 1909," says Mr. Kimbrell, "the county arranged to build six bridges, all of them alike. These bridges were the Eastland bridge, the Tschella bridge, the Adams bridge, the Raunstone bridge, the John Price bridge and the Lee bridge, over Dry creek at Lee's crossing. I determined if possible to bring about some competition so as to obtain cheaper prices than the county had secured on former bridges. I took the matter up with a bridge company and a representative named Gallagher was sent here to go over the ground. I spent two days showing him the sites of the various bridges and was to get for him prices on concrete work. I charged nothing for my work."

KIMBRELL'S WARNING. "It was in 1908," says Mr. Kimbrell, "that my attention was first attracted and my suspicions aroused. The High Bridge on McKay creek was awarded to Eberhart without any advertisement for bids. The bridge cost the county \$984. The bridge has no approaches and there are no piers. The cost of the steel laid down at Pilot Rock was \$437. The expense of placing the bridge was light."

As shown by the photographs which were taken last week the concrete work was poorly done. Many of the piers are cracked and broken with the result it is impossible to tell how long the bridge will be fit for use. It is natural that poor work was done on this bridge. It was built without specifications and the contractor supervised his own work.

Aside from the High Bridge and the bridge at Umatilla, it is already known that at least two other bridges were awarded by the old court without asking for bids. One of these

THESE PICTURES SHOW WHAT THE PEOPLE GOT WHEN THEY PAID \$13,070.00 FOR UMATILLA BRIDGE: SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS OF WHICH WAS STRAIGHT GRAFT; HOW DO YOU LIKE IT MR. TAXPAYER?



Above is shown the condition at the present time of the concrete work on the Umatilla graft bridge erected in violation of the law during the regime of T. P. Gilliland as county judge and by which deal Umatilla county was swindled out of \$6000 in cold blood.

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The lower picture gives a photographic view of the Umatilla bridge as it appeared during the high water period a year or two ago. As may be seen the bridge was submerged and practically out of use. One of the men in the vehicle crossing the bridge is H. C. Means of Umatilla.

That the bridge would be submerged during the high water period should have been a foregone conclusion when the bridge was erected. It is a very low bridge and an improper type of bridge in view of the fact the river at that point is always raised by the backwater from the Columbia when the Columbia is high.

This poorly constructed and improperly planned bridge was built by Eberhart for the county at a cost of \$13,070.00. The county had contracted with Eberhart for a two span high truss bridge for a smaller sum of

money. That contract was annulled by T. P. Gilliland and Horace Walker, acting as the county court in 1910. A new contract for the graft bridge was then made in violation of the law and the county secured a bridge that competent engineers unite



DO THE PEOPLE WANT TO GO BACK TO THE OLD POLICY OF SECRECY REGARDING COUNTY EXPENDITURES

Judge Maloney Exposes Gilliland Regarding Violation of Law Requiring Publicity--Newspapers of Largest Circulation Publish Statements at One-Fourth the Commercial Rate.

To The People of Umatilla County: In a recent issue of the Pendleton Tribune ex-County Judge Gilliland attempts to explain why the law which requires the publication of all expenses allowed by the county court was disregarded by him during his term of office. He gave as his reason for so doing that he was advised to do so by a grand jury. I would like to ask Judge Gilliland what right any grand jury has to abrogate or set aside a law or to advise an official to violate a law. If a grand jury has authority to disregard this law it would have the right to advise the breaking of other laws. Why did that grand jury make such a recommendation? Was it not upon the request of the then county court? Where did the grand jury get the information that this law was being observed only in one or two counties of the state? I have investigated the matter and am prepared to prove that this law is generally complied with throughout the state.

awarded to the East Oregonian and the Milton Eagle, those papers having proved by certified circulation lists that they have the largest circulations in this county. Notwithstanding the fact the law allows the successful bidder a rate of five cents per line for publishing these statements, these papers are charging only one-half that rate. The rate they charge is just one-fourth the regular rate for commercial advertising. Are the taxpayers of Umatilla county willing to go back to the old system under which they were kept in the dark in regard to the expense of running the county? J. W. MALONEY.

That this is a good law framed for the protection of the public cannot be questioned. The cost of publishing the list of expenses is insignificant when we take into consideration the protection and information it affords the public. The law required in monthly statements be published in the two papers of this county having the largest circulation. Complying with this law the contracts were

ROYALISTS SAID TO HAVE BEGUN REVOLT

LONDON, Oct. 21.—That a royalist revolution has started in Portugal was asserted in a Lisbon dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company here. Rumors have been current here for some time that the friends of ex-King Manuel had promised to finance an uprising in his behalf.

COPPERFIELD CASE WILL BE ARGUED HERE MONDAY

STATE SUPREME COURT WILL THEN OPEN REGULAR TERM IN CITY.

The famous Copperfield case by which the Copperfield saloonmen sought to enjoin Governor West and others from interfering with their business or with their conduct of affairs of their town will be argued in this city next Monday before the state supreme court at its regular eastern Oregon session. The case has been placed first on the calendar, thus insuring it being argued before the election. The case was originally tried before Circuit Judge Gustav Anderson of Baker and he sustained a demurrer filed by Governor West. The case was appealed and it is upon this appeal that the argument will be made. James H. Nichols of Baker will represent the saloonmen and Frank T. Collier will again appear for the governor. A repetition of the "fireworks" which marked the first argument is promised before the higher tribunal. The Copperfield case is only one of 22 or 23 cases on the supreme court docket for the fall session in this city. Deputy Clerk Lee Moorhouse is now preparing the calendar.

RUSSIA WITHDRAWING ITS TROOPS FROM MANCHURIA

ALL FIRST LINE SOLDIERS WILL BE HURLED AGAINST THE GERMANS.

PEKIN, Oct. 21.—Russia is withdrawing practically all its first line troops from Manchuria and Siberia to hurl them against the Germans on the western frontier, it was reported here. Their places were being taken by the reservists.

NEWS SUMMARY

General. Germany's attempts to move forward in France have been checked according to English and French reports. Kaiser is believed to be preparing his fleet for a test of strength with the British navy in the North sea. Berlin reports gains being made in eastern and western theater of war. Royalists in Portugal are reported to be in uprising. Protest made to England by the United States over seizure of Standard Oil steamer. Local. Round-up buckers will go to war. Copperfield case to be argued here next Monday. Big mass meeting last night; another tonight. Leakage in water system very small. Members of old school board arrested. Old county court warned about law violations. Judge Maloney gives statement regarding county expenditures.

GERMANY'S EFFORT TO BREAK LINE IS TURNED BY ALLIES

War Office at London Expresses Confidence That Kaiser's Attempts in France Have Failed.

LONDON, Oct. 21.—The war office expressed confidence this afternoon that the Kaiser's attempt to break into France along the line of the north coast had been effectually blocked.

It was admitted that hard fighting was expected in this district later but at this moment, it was said, the same thing was happening in the north that had happened further southward, both sides entrenching so as to make progress for one another as difficult and as costly as possible. The Germans were reported to be bringing heavy artillery to the north and the war office was of the opinion that they planned to use these heavy pieces in attempting a slow advance, entrenching line after line as they progressed, assuming of course that they succeeded in making any progress which British military experts were sure would not happen.

Attempt to Sink Destroyers. COPENHAGEN, Oct. 21.—An attempt by British submarines to sink several German destroyers off Rugen

PROTEST MADE BY U. S. AGAINST SEIZING VESSEL

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—Protest against the seizure of the Standard Oil steamship Rockefeller off the Orkney Islands was handed the British ambassador by an official of the state department today. It was contended the vessel was an American and that its cargo of petroleum had not been in a foreign registry.

"DRYS" SUPPORT SMITH BECAUSE OF STRONG STAND FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

(By Fred Lockley in the Portland Journal.) ALBANY, Ore., Oct. 21.—The Journal has sent me out to report on the political situation, under instructions to report truthfully what I find. I am reporting facts as I find them and not with reference to what I think they should be. I spent several hours in a livery and feed stable in Albany today, querying farmers on how they are going to vote. The first man I queried was a big farmer with a pair of well fed, well cared for hay horses. He spoke with a slightly foreign accent. "I throw the political letters in the fire," he said. "So many letters come to me to vote wet, I have about decided to vote dry. I guess I will vote for Smith for governor." The next man is now a prosperous farmer, though he was formerly in

KAISER PREPARING FLEET TO ENGAGE ENEMY, IS BELIEF

Marines Who Took Part in Operations Before Antwerp Being Recalled and Supplies Furnished.

TEST OF STRENGTH IS NEAR

British Public Enthusiastic Over Rumors That Germany's Warships at Last Mean to Clash With English in Open Sea—Britons Confident of Annihilating Enemy.

LONDON, Oct. 21.—Reports that Germany was recalling the marines who took part in the operations preceding the capture of Antwerp and that the Teutonic warships were taking on quantities of supplies, aroused much enthusiasm here as it was conjectured that the German fleet was at last about to venture from the shelter of the German shore defenses to give battle to the British in the open sea.

The British public has been thirsting for such a trial of strength since the war began and confidence has been expressed that from the numerical superiority of England's squadrons, the German sea strength will be annihilated.

PARIS, Oct. 21.—Rumors tightening today of the censorship hinted of important developments along the fighting front in France.

It was reported that the allies were directing a determined attack against the Germans at Lille, which, at headquarters, was believed to be the Kaiser's right wing.

The opinion was widely held that the German troops were retiring to eastward of the Belgian frontier.

No confirmation has yet been received of Tuesday's report that the Germans evacuated Ostend.

"Throughout Tuesday," announced the war office at Bordeaux in the 3 o'clock report, "the enemy's attacks were particularly violent at Neuport, Dixmude and Labasse, but all were repelled with great energy by the allies."

"Elsewhere, the general situation along the front remains unchanged."

DAMAGING EVIDENCE GIVEN IN TRIAL OF MRS. CARMAN

NEGRO MAID DESCRIBES SCENE ON NIGHT MURDER WAS COMMITTED.

MINEOLA, Oct. 21.—Damaging testimony against Mrs. Carman was offered today by Celia Coleman, her negro maid.

"On the night of the murder," the maid testified, "Mrs. Carman came downstairs and walked out of the house through the kitchen. A minute or two later I heard a sound of breaking glass and the report of a revolver. In less than a minute the defendant entered the kitchen and said: 'I shot him.'"

Under cross examination the witness said Mrs. Carman had a long, blue revolver in her hand.

WILL VOTE FOR SMITH

Joe McMillan of Crab Creek was the next arrival. "I am going to vote for Smith," he said, "because Withycombe doesn't like to say so. Smith is not afraid to stand by his colors and fight. I like to know where a man is and what he stands for. I believe the state will go dry and I think Smith will be elected. A lot of my neighbors who are republicans are going to vote for Smith because they think he will make the best governor." E. F. West of Pleasantville said, "I'm down for Dry, for Smith and for Chamberlain."